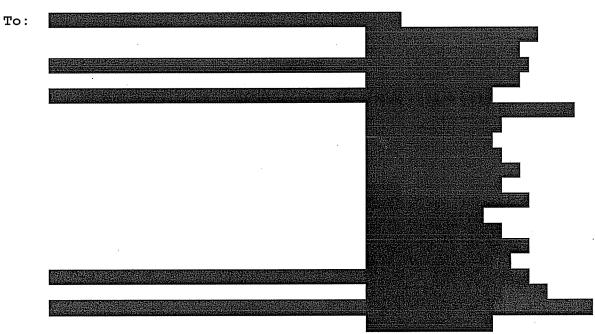
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Precedence: PRIORITY Date: 03/02/2009



Contact: TDY SSA

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #:

Synopsis: To document an interview conducted on 03/02/2009 of captioned subject .

Details: On 03/02/2009, FBI personnel conducted a direct interview of captioned subject Detainee-2 (hereinafter referred to as Subject).

The interview began at approximately 5:30pm local time as the Subject was brought to the interview room in handcuffs and was blindfolded. The Subject's blindfold was removed and FBI personnel introduced themselves as employees of the U.S. Department of Justice and the subject was not/not provided Miranda warnings. After greetings were exchanged, interviewers asked subject how long he has been detained, to which he replied that he had been detained for approximately 7 weeks.

The FBI interviewers spent the majority of the interview session building rapport with the Subject and to make him feel comfortable. The Subject was told that the "Department of Justice" was here in to obtain information from the Subject pertaining to a group of Americans that the Subject was associated with and their alleged plot to attack the U.S. Homeland. The Subject was advised, by FBI interviewers, that they were not there to file charges against him but rather seeking information on the Americans and others that the subject is associated with and their potential plans to attack the U.S.

As interviewers mentioned names of former Egyptian Islamic Jihad members that we felt that Subject would be familiar with, Subject nodded his agreement that he was familiar with them. Some of the names mentioned were:

At approximately 6:20pm local time, Subject said he would like to make a statement, but subsequently requested a prayer break. The subject was escorted by personnel out of the room for his prayer.

At approximately 7:40pm local time, the subject was brought back in the interview room. (Note: During the prayer break, the facility lost power and most of the remainder of the interview was conducted by candle light.) Upon his return to the room, the subject explained why he has committed jihad and made statements justifying attacks against American interests.

The subject stated that Islam is peaceful and that attacks against American interests were only reactions to America's actions and policies directed against Muslims. He added that attacks against American interests were not out of hatred of American citizens, but were rather attacks against America's policies, particularly its Middle Eastern policies, policies against "Muslims", and American "Imperialism". He explained that Muslims are only defending themselves against America's oppression of them and America's attempts to steal their land. Furthermore, the subject advised that he was not a member of Al-Qa'ida, but that he had fought in Afghanistan against the Soviets and communism, had been in the Sudan with Usama Bin Laden and had traveled to

FBI interviewers thanked the subject for sharing his views with them and advised that they understood his frustrations.

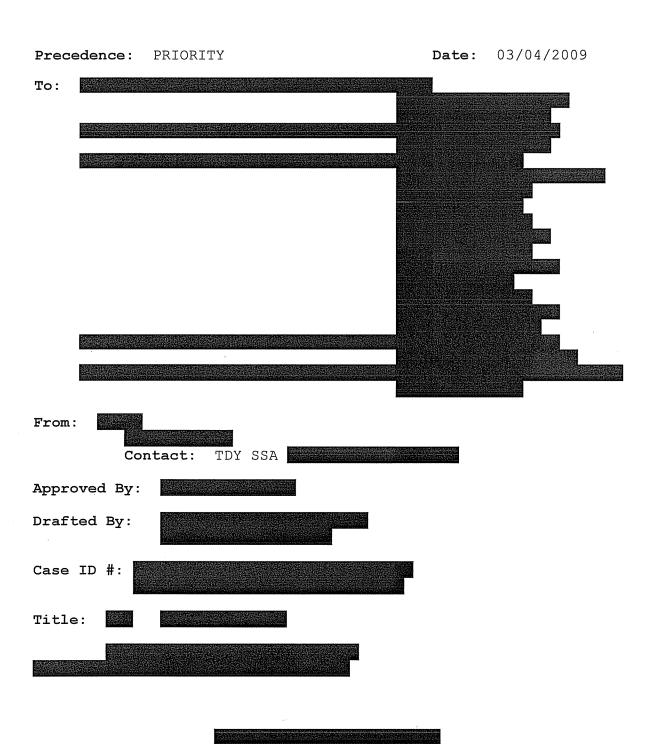
Subject agreed to provide the FBI interviewers with the information they needed and he stated he would answer any questions they had in future sessions. At this point, FBI interviewers thanked the Subject for speaking with them this day and looked forward to meeting with him again. The interview was terminated at that point and officials then blindfolded Subject and escorted him out of the room at approximately 9:30pm local time.

Throughout the interview, the Subject was provided with water, juice and food. He ate a chocolate "Kit Kat" bar with the interviewers. At the conclusion of the interview, the Subject hugged and kissed the interviewers on the cheek. Throughout the entire interview session, Subject made no complaints regarding his treatment pertaining to his detention.

personnel advised that FBI could interview the subject again on 03/03/2009 at a time to be determined.

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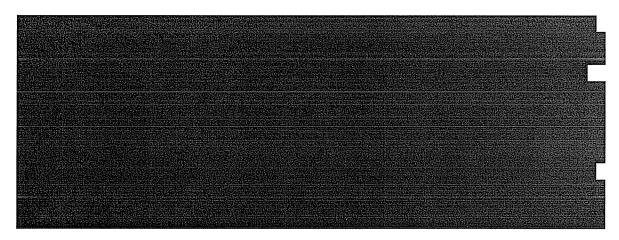
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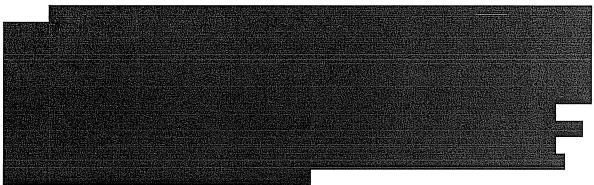


To: New York From: Re: To document interviews conducted on 03/03/2009 and 03/04/2009 of captioned subject and third interviews). Administrative: SSA was also present during the interviews. Details: On 03/03/2009 and 03/04/2009, FBI personnel conducted direct interviews of captioned subject Detainee-2 (hereinafter referred to as Subject). The interview on 03/03/2009 began at approximately 2:30pm and lasted until approximately 7:30pm and the interview on 03/04/2009

The interview on 03/03/2009 began at approximately 2:30pm and lasted until approximately 7:30pm and the interview on 03/04/2009 began at approximately 2:45pm and lasted until approximately 10:30pm. During both days, Subject was allowed two prayer breaks and was provided with food and water throughout the interviews which he accepted. The interviews were conducted with the interviewers primarily speaking in English and the Subject speaking in Arabic (a combination of Egyptian and Yemeni dialect as well as standard Arabic). Communication was successful and the Subject was asked on several occasions whether he understood the translator. In every instance, the Subject stated that he had very good understanding of the translation.

The Subject stated that he was primarily concerned about his family. He has a wife and four children . He is concerned about spending his life away from them and most concerned about being deported and handed over to the Egyptian Government due to his Egyptian Citizenship.





As a seasoned jihadi, the Subject had long hoped for an opportunity to create an attack on US soil. The Subject is very clear in his desire to attack the US homeland and US interests anywhere and feels completely justified in his hatred of the US and its policies. He feels that all of the mistreatment of Muslims worldwide is the result of US policy and imperialism and that it is his clear duty to destroy US interests. During discussions regarding the conceptualized attacks on the New York Stock Exchange, the Subject made the comment that although his plan never materialized, he thanks "Allah" that Allah is already destroying the US economy.

In mid 2007, shortly after Detainee-1's release from prison, told the Subject that he was aware of three young men who wanted to become jihadis. Detainee-1 told Subject that he had learned about these three young men from . According to what Detainee-1 told Subject, the three young men had US passports and were

also willing to provide financial assistance to the "brothers" and to the jihad. The subject had long hoped for an opportunity to create an attack on US soil, and began to think of opportunities where he could use these individuals. The subject began thinking about or conceptualizing an attack somewhere in the US, and specifically began thinking about the New York Stock Exchange. The Subject had very little idea about the Stock Exchange, i.e. it's location, security measures, size, etc., but advised that his motivation to do an attack there was because it represented to him the world's economy so it was a highly desirable target.

The Subject had another associate

, a fellow jihadi, who also fought against the Soviets in Afghanistan. Subject worked with they both were in the car business.

and the Subject had multiple conversations regarding getting the Americans to travel for jihad. It was agreed by them that they (the Americans) would be better used for attacks on US soil than to allow them to travel into Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia or any other front because they are potentially a valuable asset for attacks within the US. Through the Americans continued to make requests to travel for training and jihad, but the Subject continued to state that the path for them to travel was not clear (NFI). Subject and discussed that if the Americans were going to do jihad, they should do it in America.

In February of 2008, one of the three young men (hereinafter referred to as Khaled), who lived in Dubai, wanted to come meet directly with the Subject. Khaled offered to bring cash for the jihad and the Subject asked Khaled to bring a computer and an Atlas electronic translation device. All communications on this matter were done through Defainee-1 to Khaled at this point and the Subject did not have direct contact with Khaled. Subject also stated that he provided instructions for Khaled (via Defainee-1) regarding Khaled's travel and routine, advising that Khaled should shave his beard and avoid suspicious relationships.

Sometime in early February, 2008, Khaled traveled to to meet directly with the Subject. Khaled was instructed to travel to and upon arrival to send an email to Detainee-1, at which point he would be given a telephone number to call. Upon arriving in Khaled checked into the instructions to contact Detainee-1. Detainee-1 then went to meet Khaled at the hotel and the two had lunch. Later that day, Detainee-1 brought

New York

From:

03/04/2009 Re: Khaled to meet Subject at a restaurant on , where the three of them had dinner. The Subject advised that he was aware of two other associates of Khaled's, both US citizens. The Subject did not give Khaled his true name but instead said that he should be referred to as Subject also said that he did not want to know Khaled's real name nor the real names of Khaled's two American associates, who, Khaled advised Subject, also wanted to travel to jihad. Subject then assigned fake names for Khaled's American associates, stating that they would be known large and lmar. The Subject claimed that Khaled was the only one of the three Americans that he ever met face to face. After this dinner, the Subject invited Khaled to check out of the hotel and stay at the Subject's house as a quest. For the next two days at Subject's house, the two discussed Khaled's life in the UAE, Islam and jihad, and read together from During this stay at Subject's house, Khaled gave the Subject \$12,000USD in cash with the understanding that it would go to support the families of the martyrs, "the brothers" and for others "in need." Khaled also gave Subject a laptop computer and an Atlas translation device. Subject advised that the laptop and Atlas were Additionally, Khaled also agreed to continue to send for his use. more money to Subject in the future. Also during his stay, Khaled advised Subject that he had attempted to travel to Iraq (via Syria) to engage in jihad but was unsuccessful getting to Iraq(NFI). Khaled told Subject that he has two children, a boy and a girl ( , and is married to an Egyptian woman. Khaled showed the Subject his US passport. Khaled can speak Arabic, but does not read or write it well. Khaled attended school in the US and moved to Dubai, where he worked in the field of computers and information security. Furthermore, Subject advised Khaled to tell his two American associates, who also wanted to travel with Khaled for jihad, that they should all avoid and not communicate with him from that point forward. Subject believed that was "hasty" and a security risk. At the end the two day visit at Subject's house, Subject drove Khaled to meet Detainee-1 so that he could leave to go back to work in UAE. Subject estimated that Khaled spent about one week in Prior to leaving , Subject made the arrangement that all communication between he and Khaled would be through petainee Detainee provided Subject with Khaled's UAE mobile

phone number on a sheet of paper. Subject stated that he kept this sheet of paper in his house.

Subject claimed that he did not keep records of who he gave the money to. Subject also stated that in 2008 he estimated that Khaled sent several Western Union transfers totalling approximately \$8,000 USD. In all, subject advised he received about 20,000 USD from Khaled. The Subject gave some of the \$12,000 given to him by Khaled to the families in need and bought two cars with the remainder. Subject advised that his intention on using Khaled's money to buy the two cars was to sell the cars for profit and thereby expand the money given to him by Khaled to increase the funds for the "families."

Subject continued to request items from the Americans via Detainee1. Subject wanted to send shoes and jackets to the "brothers", so he asked Khaled to send these items through Detainee-1. Additionally, Subject requested of Khaled (in addition to the laptop and Atlas translator which was previously delivered), a toy with a remote control, a GPS and binoculars. Subject stated that these things remained at his house, and were eventually given to

In approximately May or June of 2008, Khaled advised the Subject (via Detainee 1) that Tareq would be traveling to the US from the UAE. Via Detainee 1, the Subject requested Khaled to tell Tareq that while he (Tareq) was in New York, Tareq should collect information at the New York Stock Exchange and provide the information to Subject. Subject stated that he would like to make an attack of some sort (explosive) against the Stock Exchange. Tareq reported via Detainee 1 that the Stock Exchange was made up of about four streets that were blocked off from vehicular traffic. The Subject maintains that there was no further operational planning of that target after Tareq reconnaissance.

Sometime in November, 2008, a problem arose between the Subject, Detainee-1 and the Americans which appears to revolve around the Subject's use of the money and equipment sent to the Subject. It seems that the Americans and Detainee-1 were becoming impatient with the Subject and his lack of facilitation of their travel and training for jihad. Due to this problem, hard feelings occurred between the Subject and Detainee-1. The Subject stated that acted as a mediator to fix this problem between Detainee-1 and Subject.

#### Direct Communication with Khaled/Hanafi:

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New York From: Re: Subject advised in approximately December, 2008 he made the first of his several calls to Khaled's UAE mobile phone, but Khaled did not answer these calls. At this point, Subject saved Khaled's phone number into the memory of his (Subject's) mobile phone under the title of "al amer" (phonetic). (Note: Subject explained that his mobile phone was taken by the authorities upon his arrest in early January 2009). Subject then advised that soon after his attempts to reach Khaled's UAE mobile phone, Khaled used another UAE phone number unfamiliar to Subject and called Subject on his mobile During this phone call, Khaled told Subject to open an email account so that they could communicate via email. Khaled also told subject that once he opened this email he should call Khaled and tell him the name of the account and its password. Subject stated that he then went to an internet cafe in the a private school, and created the email account: Subject advised that this was the first email account he had created in at least a year and decided to use gmail because Detainee had previously told him that gmail was a good type of email. Subject also stated that he had a hard time creating this email acccount because of his unfamiliarity with gmail. Upon creating this email account, Subject then called Khaled's UAE mobile phone, which Khaled again did not answer. Khaled then used a different UAE based phone to call Subject's mobile phone at which point, Subject provided Khaled the email account and password. Khaled also instructed Subject to write messages to him in this account but then not to send the email but instead save the messages that Khaled would later check from his location. Subject also stated that these messages to Khaled were in an attempt to alleviate their problem. Subject also said that at some point later he changed the password to this email account to using Arabic script, not English, and did not tell Khaled the new password. Subject also advised that he created a second email account:

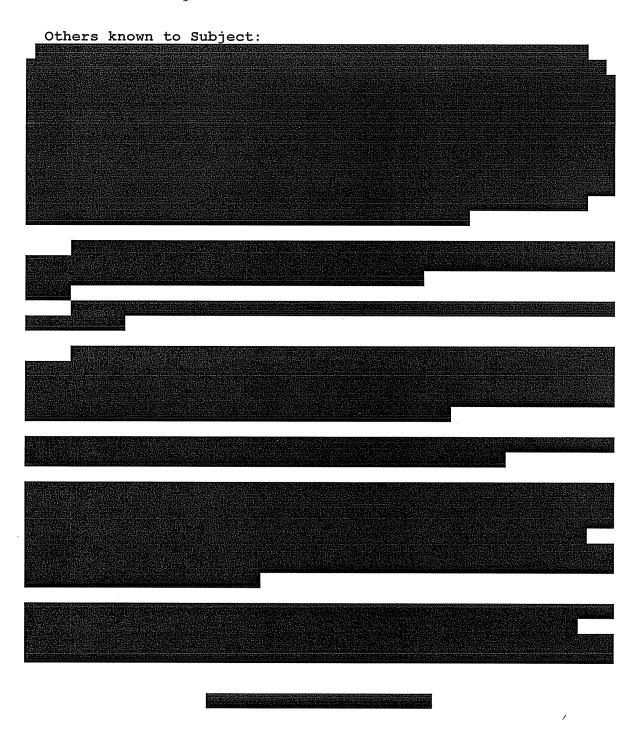
Subject claimed that he did not communicate via email with anyone during all of 2008 other than Khaled as stated above.

second email account.

. Subject claimed that he never used this

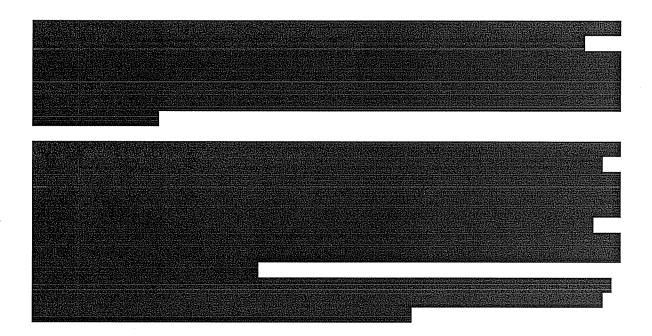
Subject claimed that he did not access the internet from his home because he did not have internet service at his house. He further explained that he used about twenty different internet sites in to access the internet in order to research news. Subject stated that he primarily used "Google" while searching the internet for news. Subject advised that he did not conduct any internet searches regarding the New York Stock Exchange, again claiming that he only used the internet to obtain news.

Subject advised that he does not remember any of Khaled's phone numbers but some of the calls to/from Khaled could still be saved in the memory of his mobile phone that was taken from him by the authorities during his arrest.



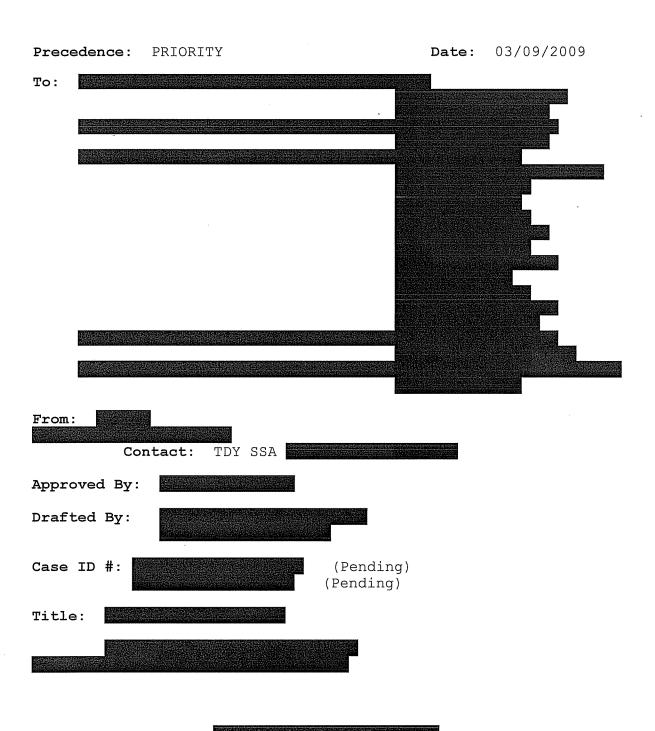
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later became Al-Qa'ida's second-in-command)

in the early to mid-1990s. Subject added that he swore to listen and obey for jihad in all "activities and hatred." Of significance, upon Khaled's entrance to Subject's house in February 2008, Khaled swore bayat to Subject and swore to obey the Subject

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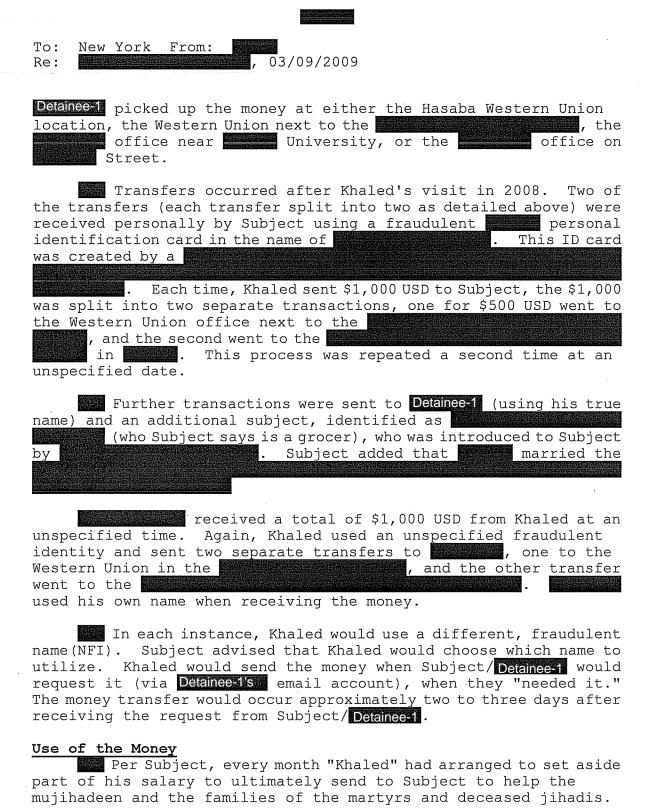
and to "listen to him." Per Subject, Khaled spoke to "Tariq" and "Umar" and told them that "a brother (Subject) in jihad" could help travel for jihad. Additionally, Tariq and Umar pledged bayat to Khaled and stated they were "with" Subject, which Subject believed was a swearing of bayat to subject through Khaled. Subject stated that Khaled was in his (Subject's) command for all matters of jihad. While Khaled was staying with Subject in February 2008, Subject told Khaled to refer to Subject as (phonetic) and to refer to Detainee-1 (hereinafter referred to as as (phonetic). Detainee-1 had also sworn bayat to Subject and promised to obey and listen to Subject. Khaled asked Subject to get Khaled and the Americans into any jihad arena (Iraq, Afghanistan, or Somalia). Subject advised that wherever they went, they would receive military-style training, followed by actual fighting.

At the Subject's house, Khaled and Subject discussed jihad and ways of traveling to jihad. Subject advised that he had desired to have Americans travel to America to conduct terrorist operations. His idea of an operation in America came from the possibility of Khaled and the other Americans being able to travel to conduct operations in the United States.

Approximately two months after Khaled left ..., Khaled told Subject (via Detainee-1's email). that Tariq was traveling to the United States, and Khaled asked Subject if there was anything he needed. Subject told Khaled to have Tariq "visit" the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). Khaled was not surprised by this request. Subject advised that Tariq did visit the NYSE and Tariq sent a one-page report to Detainee-1 (via email) on the NYSE, which Detainee-1 printed out and gave to Subject. From the report, Subject advised that the "building has four streets and no one can reach it by car and you would have to walk to it." Subject was not happy with the information, as it did not add to what Subject knew about the NYSE. Subject reported that he tore up the report and "threw it in the street" and never showed it to any one. Subject admitted that the information could be used by someone who wanted to do an operation (NFI).

Subject told that the three Americans could be used in jihad and Subject asked if it would be possible for Subject and to train the Americans. They discussed that the Americans would be trained in the "primary phase", which consisted of rifle training/shooting, as well as other subjects to be determined. It was determined that and Subject could not

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provide training for the Americans. Subject advised that he checked with to see if the paths to jihad were open.  advised that they were closed. Regarding the routes to jihad, Subject stated he did not check with any who were former jihadis or anyone else outside for that matter.
(Note: Subject previously identified a photograph of Wesam Al-Hanafi as "Khaled".
Between February and November 2008, Subject "chatted" with Khaled, using Detainee-1's email account. Detainee-1 was present to facilitate the chat session. Subject discussed methods for Khaled to send money to One suggestion was for Khaled to send a used car to and the Subject would sell it. Subject advised that it was determined that this method was not profitable and they abandoned this option. Khaled also offered to hand carry money to Subject, to which Subject answered in the negative, telling Khaled not to send anyone from the U.A.E. Furthermore, Subject discovered that Khaled had compiled approximately \$50,000 around November 2008. According to Subject, Khaled never sent him the \$50,000. Subject advised that he did not know if
Money Transfers from U.A.E. to  Subject claimed that between mid 2007 and November, 2008, Subject had received approximately \$20,000 from Khaled as follows: Approximately \$4,000 via wire transfers prior to Khaled's visit in February 2008; \$12,000 in cash which was delivered personally to Subject by Khaled during Khaled's visit to approximately \$4,000 via wire transfers which occurred between February and November, 2008. The wire transfers took place as follows:
Subject would request the transfer of money via Detainee-1 to Khaled. Khaled would prepare the money, generally the sum of \$1,000. Khaled would split the transaction into two \$500 parts - one part would be sent through Western Union and the other part would be sent through Saifi money exchange.
The two transfers which occurred prior to Khaled's visit were both received by <a href="Detainee-1">Detainee-1</a> used his true name, to receive the transfers. Per Subject, Khaled used fictitious names, but Subject claims ignorance of the names.



Subject believes that Khaled and the Americans thought the money they were sending to Subject was for the Americans' future training.

Subject indicated that \$16,000 of the \$20,000 received from Khaled was used to buy two cars (NFI). Subject bought one car in early November 2008 and one in December 2008. The remaining \$4,000 was in his possession. \$2,000 went to (NFI). And \$1,500 went to help Subject's Egyptian friend who had cancer. This friend was identified as and was a veteran of the anti-Soviet jihad in Afghanistan. was in an Egyptian prison but was released (NFI). Subject gave the money to former jihadist and Egyptian who taught subsequently provided the money to Arabic in , who brought it to Egypt.

#### Equipment and clothing sent to Subject by Khaled and Americans:

Subject received three heavy, cold weather jackets (reversible) and three pairs of boots from Khaled before he visited in February 2008. The boots and jackets were for the Americans for jihad. A jacket and pair of boots were distributed to Detainee 1, and Subject.

Khaled brought the laptop computer, which was requested by Subject, to Subject in February 2008. Additionally, Khaled sent, at different times, a GPS device, binoculars, and a remote-controlled toy car to Subject (via mail to Detainee-1). Subject received the toy car less than a month before Khaled arrived in . The toy car was approximately a foot long, battery-powered, had a "rod or button" to activate it, had a remote control with it, and three other small pieces (NFI). The remote and car were in separate boxes. Subject advised that the car was not for his children and that the box the car came packaged in was never opened and Subject didn't know how to operate it. Khaled told the Subject that the remote had a long range, but Subject believed the remote had a range less than a kilometer. Upon Khaled's arrival to Subject's house, Subject asked Khaled how to use it, but Khaled was unable to figure out how to operate it. Lastly, the toy car was given back to Detainee-1 in approximately November 2008.

Subject stated that during his time conducting jihad in Afghanistan against the Soviets, he learned about explosives and the toy car was an effort to learn about new technology for explosives, not for a specific operation. Subject stated that he wanted to learn how to operate the remote control.

Problem between Subject, Detainee-1 and the Americans

Subject explained that the "problem" was regarding Detainee-1 telling the UAE-based Americans that Subject was the hindrance in their path to jihad.

Detainee-1 had been telling the Americans that Subject was the reason that they had not been sent to jihad. Subject

Subject was the reason that they had not been sent to jihad. Subject advised that he repeatedly told the Americans that the "path" to jihad was not open. Furthermore, as a result of the Subject not being able to assist the Americans, the Americans wanted the money and items that they provided to Subject. Subject also stated that he felt Khaled was siding with Detainee-1, and Khaled was accusing Subject of misusing the money he had sent to Subject.

In December 2008, Subject, using his cellular telephone , called Khaled to open up a dialogue. This is when Khaled instructed Subject to open a new email account to communicate further.

When Subject emailed Khaled in December 2008, Khaled told Subject that he was going to jihad. Subject responded and told him that he wanted to take advantage of Khaled and had long-term plans for him and the Americans. Furthermore, Subject told Khaled that Khaled and the Americans would be used in the future in America.

During the December 2008 email exchanges,

, Subject emailed Khaled to "tell him the truth" and to tell
Khaled his side of the story. Subject stated that it is hard to deal
with someone accusing you of taking money. Subject told Khaled that
he would bring Khaled the money to solve the "problem." Subject told
Khaled that he (Subject) did not meet with Khaled simply for the
money. Additionally, Subject continued to advise Khaled to be patient
and that he (Subject) had long-term plans for him and the Americans
for the future.

Per Subject, the last message he received from Khaled stated that he (Khaled) would think about the what Subject said and respond to After a week passed, Subject reportedly changed the password of his email account,

Subject changed the password to

Subject explained that he had changed the password because he was frustrated with Khaled and no longer wished to communicate with him.

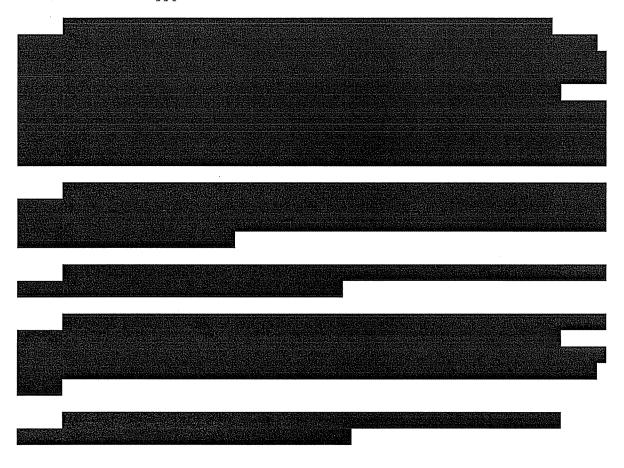
### Potential for Future Communications with the Americans

(Note: In previous interviews, Subject stated in December 2008 he created a second email account, and and claimed never to have used the account.)

Subject advised he would not be ready or willing to communicate with Khaled. Conversely, Subject felt Khaled would not be eager to speak with Subject. When asked how he would contact Khaled in the future or if he were not imprisoned, Subject advised he would not contact Khaled and he would not think about doing so.

Photographs Shown to Subject:

Subject was shown a series of photographs of senior Al-Qa'ida and Egyptian Islamic Jihad members:



Subject explained that the attacks on September 11th were a warning and stated that much bigger things would happen to America in the future. Subject began to recite segments of the Quran, specifically he mentioned a story in which "God's people" believed no one was above them and had become consumed by materialistic things. Subject stated that "God created these people, how can they be above God?" Subject went on to say that God "punished and tormented" these people for days and they disappeared and were now "like the wind." Subject advised that this story reminded him of the American people and they would receive a similar punishment. Subject concluded by stating that the American people need to oppose politicians and have mercy on the Muslims.

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